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Customer No. 23643 Group: 1798 Confirmation No.: 1075 Application No.: 10/540,123 Invention: PERMSELECTIVE MEMBRANE AND PROCESS FOR ELECTRONICALLY FILED MANUFACTURING THEREOF April 26, 2011 Hermann Gohl First Named Inventor: Filed: 06-22-2006 Attornev Docket: 52759-215584 STEELE, JENNIFER A. Examiner:

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to the holdings of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in the cases Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc., 329 F.3d 1358, 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003), McKesson Info. Sol'ns v. Bridge Med., 487 F.3d 897, 927 (Fed. Cir. 2007), and related cases.

In an abundance of caution, and without any admission that the claims of the following applications are substantially similar, Applicants are advising the Examiner of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/539,409. Applicants believe that the Examiner has access to

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the prosecution history in this application; accordingly, Applicants have not included any copies of the corresponding Office Actions nor Responses with this IDS. However, if the Examiner requires copies of any papers in this prosecution history, Applicants will provide them upon request.

The filing of this IDS shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the IDS is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants believe that the present application is patentable over these references; however, in an abundance of caution in view of the *Dayco*, *McKesson*, and related Federal Circuit decisions, they are submitted herewith. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made of the prior art or that no better art references than listed herein are available.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the \$180.00 fee for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to the Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 52759-215584. If any other fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge those fees to the Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 52759-215584.

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